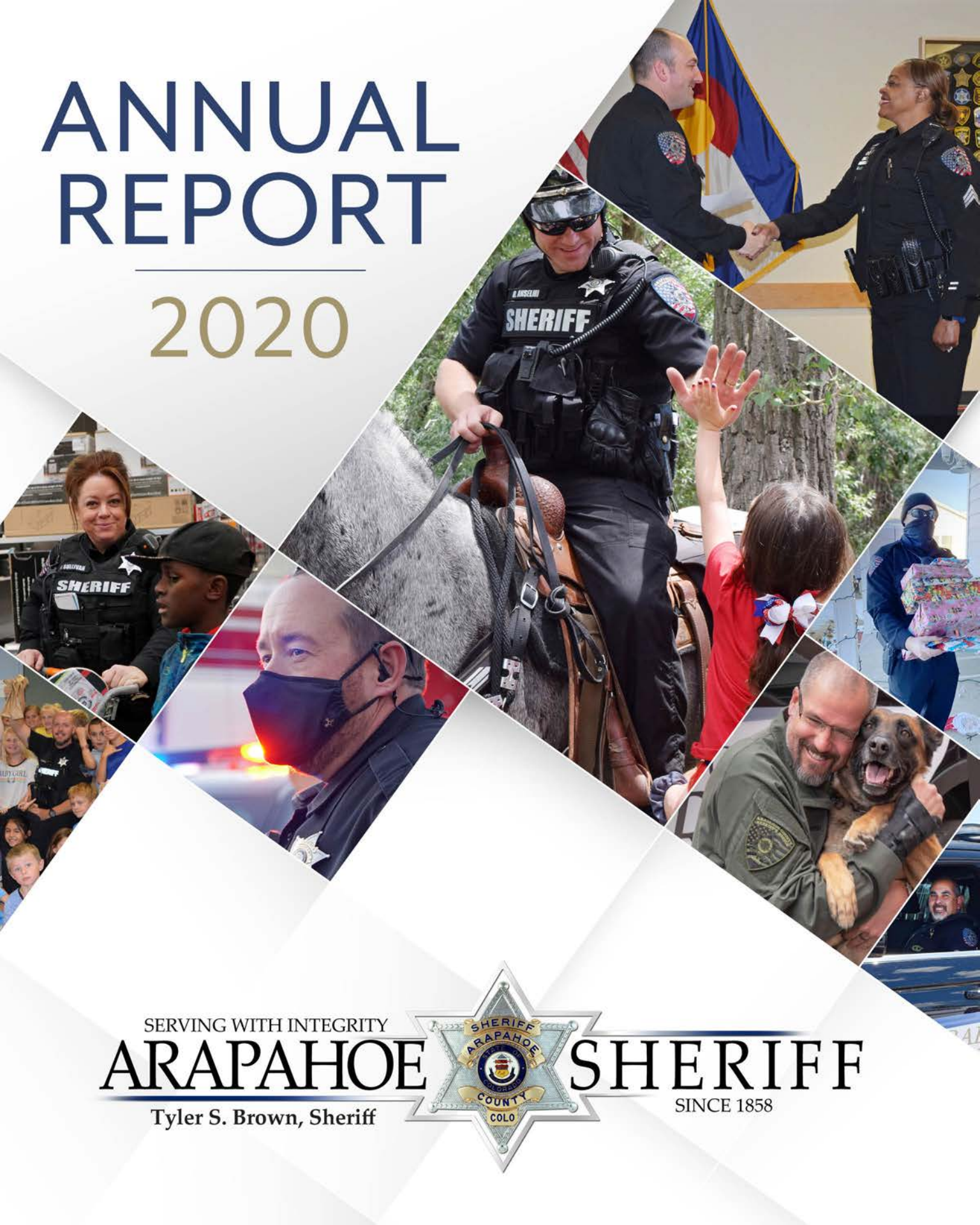


ANNUAL REPORT

2020



SERVING WITH INTEGRITY
ARAPAHOE

Tyler S. Brown, Sheriff



SHERIFF

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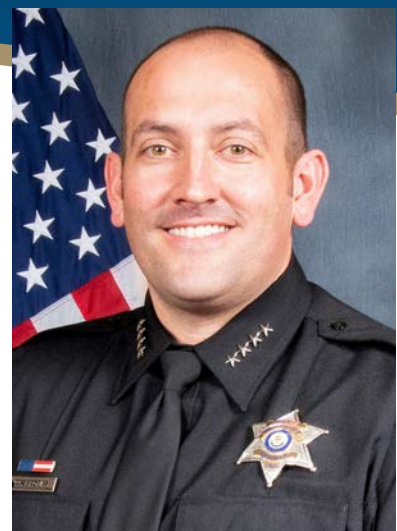


The 2020 Annual Report highlights many of the significant accomplishments that can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.

We experienced new challenges in 2020 with the Covid-19 pandemic and the various restrictions and guidelines that had to be adhered to. We built a new Emergency Operations Center at the Sheriff's Office. We also saw the creation of the Centennial Public Safety Citizens Advisory Committee, which was formed to encourage public engagement with the City of Centennial and the Sheriff's Office. Lastly, we launched a new Mounted Patrol Unit for the first time in more than 30 years.

I truly believe the relationship we have with our community plays a significant role in our ability to decrease crime and improve the quality of life of our citizens. Arapahoe County is one of the best places to live in Colorado and it's been my sincere pleasure to serve as the Sheriff.

Thank you for your continued support.



Tyler S. Brown
Arapahoe County Sheriff



About the Sheriff's Office

Staffed by more than 800 employees, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office offers the highest level of public safety service to more than 650,000 citizens in our 805 square mile area. The sheriff's office is comprised of three bureaus: Public Safety, Detention Services and Support Services.

Undersheriff Mark Nicastle



Command Staff

Left to right: Erin Powers, Dan Joyce, Laurie Halaba, Ken McKlem, Glenn Thompson, Scott Luedtke, Tyler Brown, Mark Nicastle, Jared Rowilson, Robert Stef, Olga Fajaros, Steve Rolen, Jon Takayama

MISSION

We are committed to quality service with an emphasis on integrity, professionalism and community spirit.

VALUES

We respect the rights and individuality of all people.

We are committed to personal and organizational integrity. We are committed to providing quality service in partnership with our community.

Accreditation

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office is one of only 5% of law enforcement agencies nationwide to achieve accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Currently, we hold five accreditations and the Triple Crown Award from the National Sheriff's Association. For the communities we serve, these accreditations mean we have demonstrated professional excellence throughout our agency.



Public Safety Bureau



Public Safety Bureau employees provide patrol, special operations, investigation services, crime lab services, the narcotics team and emergency management to the City of Centennial; Town of Bennett; Town of Deer Trail; Town of Foxfield and Unincorporated Arapahoe County.

The bureau is commanded by
Chief Glenn Thompson.



Investigations

Investigation Services is led by **Captain Steve Rolen**. The goal of Investigation Services is to identify suspects, apprehend criminals, collect, process and store evidence, and provide comprehensive victim services.



Investigation Services includes:

- Persons Crimes
- Property Crimes
- Child Victim Unit
- Juvenile Crimes
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Computer Crimes
- Financial Crimes
- Special Investigation Unit
- Cold Case Unit
- Evidence Section
- Digital Evidence Section
- Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)
- Victim Assistance (VA)
- Unified Metropolitan Forensic Crime Lab (UMFCL)
- Arapahoe County Narcotics Team (ACNT)
- FBI Joint Terrorism Taskforce (JTTF)
- FBI Safe Streets Fugitive Taskforce
- FBI Denver Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Taskforce
- DEA Front Range Drug Taskforce
- Regional Anti-Violence Enforcement Network (RAVEN)
- Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority Metropolitan Auto Theft Taskforce (CMATT)

2020 CRIME STATS

Centennial	Unincorporated Arapahoe County
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Calls for Service

43,165	44,507
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Adult Arrests

907	1,416
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DUI Arrests

113	135
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Traffic Stops

7,376	4,457
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Traffic Citations Issued

4,457	1,707
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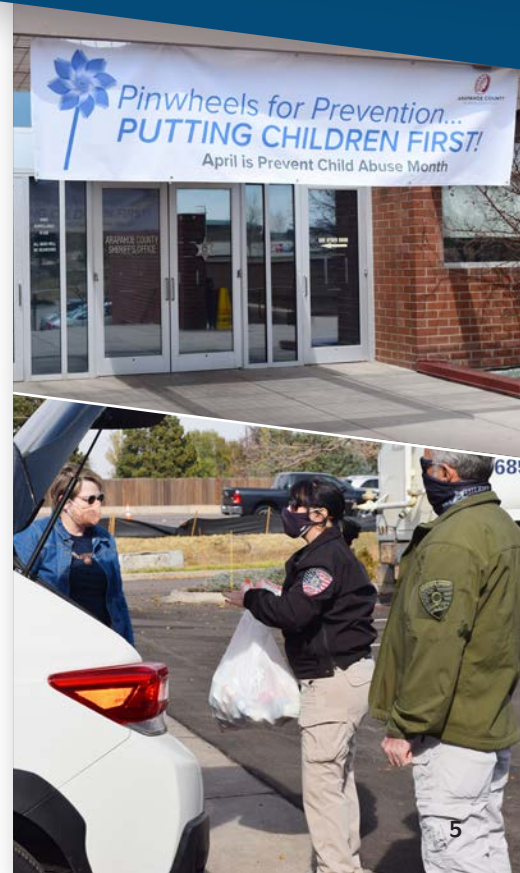


Crime Lab

In 2020, the Unified Metropolitan Forensic Crime lab was accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB). In addition, the Forensic Biology section got approval from the FBI to access the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database to search and upload DNA profiles. It was also able to hire more staff and expand its services. In 2020, the crime lab released more than 1,500 reports to home agencies.

Victim Assistance

The Victim Assistance Program works with victims, witnesses, or other citizens who have been through a traumatic incident. There are 4 staff members and 30 volunteers. In 2020, the Victim Assistance Program helped 1,763 victims of crime by providing crisis intervention, information about therapy and about their rights as a victim. We also provided services to 2,894 citizens in non-criminal incidents. Victim Advocates are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

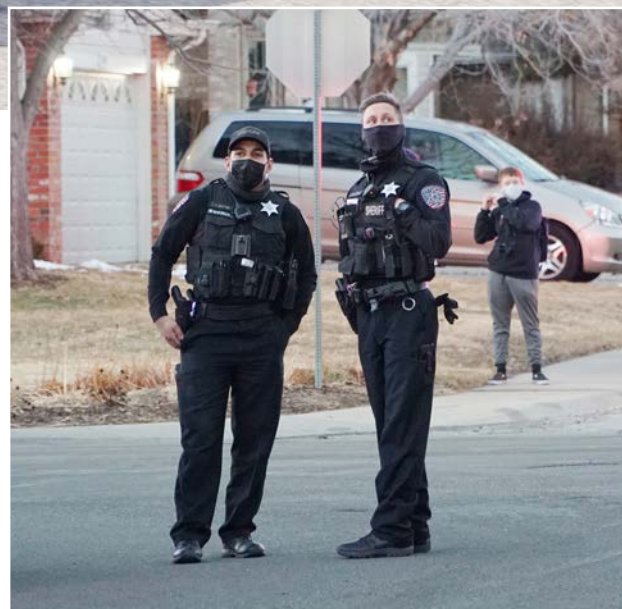




Patrol Operations



Patrol Operations is led by **Captain Laurie Halaba**. Patrol deputies provide law enforcement to residents 24/7 in the county's 8 precincts or police districts. Lieutenants or area commanders are responsible for each precinct.



Behavioral Health

Mental illness is a significant problem nationwide, which is why we have a co-responder program. It pairs our deputies who are trained in crisis-intervention with licensed clinicians to respond to calls involving mental distress. The teams utilize their combined expertise to de-escalate situations and help get people the mental health care and services they need.



Co-responder program.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Patrol Special Operations

Patrol Special Operations is led by Captain **Ken McKlem**. His unit includes SWAT, Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, Traffic Safety Unit, Hazmat, School Resource Officers, Office of Emergency Management, Community Resource Unit, Drone Unit, Mounted Patrol Unit and Wildland Fire.



Office of Emergency Management

The Arapahoe County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is overseen by the Sheriff's Office. The new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was built in 2019 and put to the test in 2020. The EOC is a central command facility whose primary responsibility is carrying out the principles of emergency preparedness and emergency management for natural or manmade disasters, disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies. The Wildland Fire Team and Hazardous Material Team also operate under the OEM. Sheriff Tyler Brown serves as the county's emergency management director and fire warden.

Mounted Patrol Unit

In June of 2020, the sheriff's office added a new Mounted Patrol Unit to provide mounted resources for the purposes of community outreach, routine patrol, search and rescue, high crime area disruption and crowd control. The last time the sheriff's office had a mounted unit was 32 years ago in 1989. The horses help deputies foster a community spirit. While citizens may not feel comfortable approaching a deputy in a patrol car to chat, they generally love to talk to a deputy on a horse!

The mounted unit also has a group of volunteers from the community who range in age from 14-years-old and up. The volunteers assist deputies with community outreach programs and patrols. The horses used by deputies and volunteers are personally owned by their riders who are responsible for the care, maintenance and housing of their horses. Two miniature therapy horses joined the team this year as well. Welcome Love Bug and Happy Times!



WILDLAND FIRES

The Wildland Fire Team responded to nine fires in 2020, including supporting neighboring Adams County and two deployments to the Cameron Peak Fire in Larimer County, the largest wildfire in Colorado history. The Wildland Fire Team is responsible for controlling and extinguishing forest and prairie fires on private and state land within the County, as well as unincorporated areas not covered by other firefighting agencies.

The team is comprised of members from the Detention Services, Patrol Services, the Office of Emergency Management, and County Open Spaces. In addition to their normal duties, members respond when needed regardless of whether on or off duty, 365 days a year. These dedicated professionals are all trained and certified to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and operate a fleet of three brush trucks, one tender and three ATVs.



CENTENNIAL PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP

In 2020, Sheriff Brown launched the Centennial Public Safety Advisory Group as a way to encourage public engagement with the sheriff's office and the public safety services provided to the City of Centennial. The group is made up of community members who represent the vast diversity within the city. Members meet monthly to provide feedback to the sheriff's office about how to improve public safety, how it's being addressed and help identify community needs or concerns.



In March of 2020, the hazardous materials team began decontaminating the fleet of patrol cars.

COVID-19 RESPONSE



In 2020, the first cases of COVID-19 began showing up in the United States. On March 10, the first case appeared in Arapahoe County. At the same time, Colorado Governor Jared Polis called for a state of emergency. Office of Emergency Management (OEM) simultaneously activated the Emergency Operations Center. All non-essential personnel began working from home. The EOC continued to be up and running through 2021.

The OEM received 861 requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and handed out 1.1 million pieces of PPE (masks, goggles, gown, sanitizer, wipes, etc.) to the community to include long-term health care providers. The OEM set up two COVID-19 testing sites in the county as well as an Alternate Care Facility (ACF) at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in case local hospitals became overwhelmed. The ACF became a model for other ACF's that were being built in Colorado.



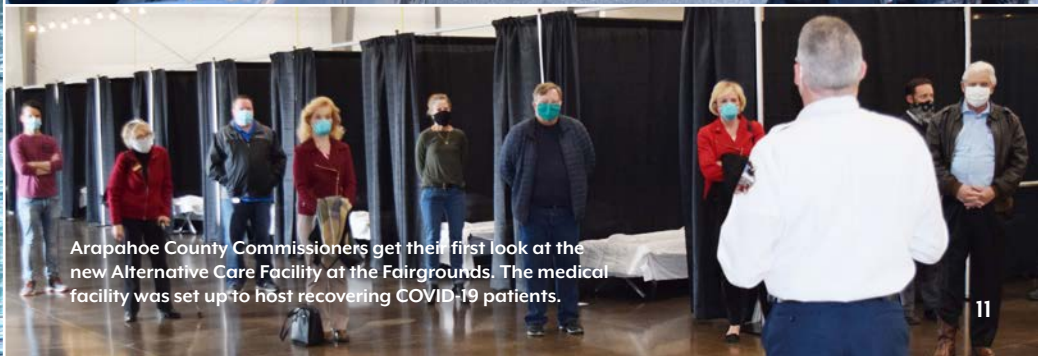
Deputies helped raise money for a citizen and his family after their truck carrying all their belongings, including their daughter's wheelchair, was stolen.



An Office of Emergency Management employee prepares to distribute PPE to the community.



A deputy offers treats to families picking up supplies at the food bank in Deer Trail.



Arapahoe County Commissioners get their first look at the new Alternative Care Facility at the Fairgrounds. The medical facility was set up to host recovering COVID-19 patients.

Detention Bureau



By statute, the Sheriff is the custodian of the jail and is responsible for the housing of inmates, transporting prisoners, executing writs and providing security for the courts. The detention facility can accommodate up to 1,400 inmates and is staffed around the clock by deputies, civilians, and medical staff.

The bureau is commanded by
Chief Jared Rowlison.



THE NUMBERS:



Total Bookings:
7,673



Average Length of Stay:
42 Days



Vehicle Transports:
1,157



Releases:
7,989

Assaults:

51 Inmate to Inmate

17 Inmate to Staff



Alternative Sentencing Program



Work Release
167

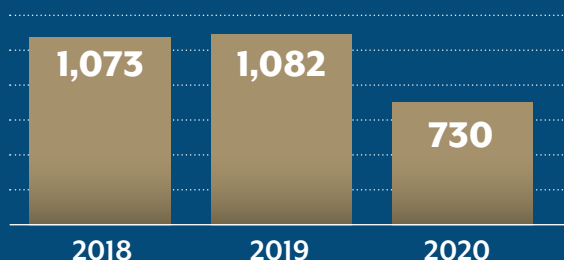


Home Detention
190



Judicial House Arrest
284

Average Daily Population:



PROGRAMS:

- Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Group Therapy
- Health Education
- Religious Services
- GED
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Other Mental Health Programs
- Re-entry Services
- Behavioral Services Screenings
- Special Court and Housing

Detentions Administration



Detention Administration is run by **Captain Scott Luedtke**. He oversees the Alternative Sentencing Program, court services, transports, extraditions, inmate services, special projects, the chaplain, commissary, food services, maintenance, jail programs, classifications and contracts.



Blue Backs the Pink

2020 was the most successful year yet for the Blue Backs the Pink campaign. The sheriff's office donated \$4.5K to Littleton Adventist Hospital to help cancer patients who can't afford treatment. The program started at the detention facility and has grown to become the sheriff's office largest fundraiser. Every year during the months of September and October, we sell blue and pink sheriff patches, challenge coins and more to fight prostate cancer and breast cancer.



Detentions Operation

Detention Operations is run by **Captain Daniel Joyce**. It focuses on the safety and security of the staff and inmates in custody. Operations includes booking, housing and releasing both pre-trial and convicted inmates.

JAIL ADDS NEW BODY SCANNERS

In 2020, the Detention Facility received approval for three new Intercept body scanners to check inmates for drugs, weapons or contraband. The new technology uses a low-level x-ray transmitted through the body. The goal is to reduce the amount of contraband being brought into the jail.



Support Services Bureau



The Support Services Bureau provides support functions for all areas of the sheriff's office including concealed handgun permits, dispatch, recruiting, human resources, finance, internal affairs, public affairs, records, civil and warrants, training and training academy.

The bureau is commanded by **Chief Robert Stef**.



Concealed Handgun Permits

New permits issued: **2,333**

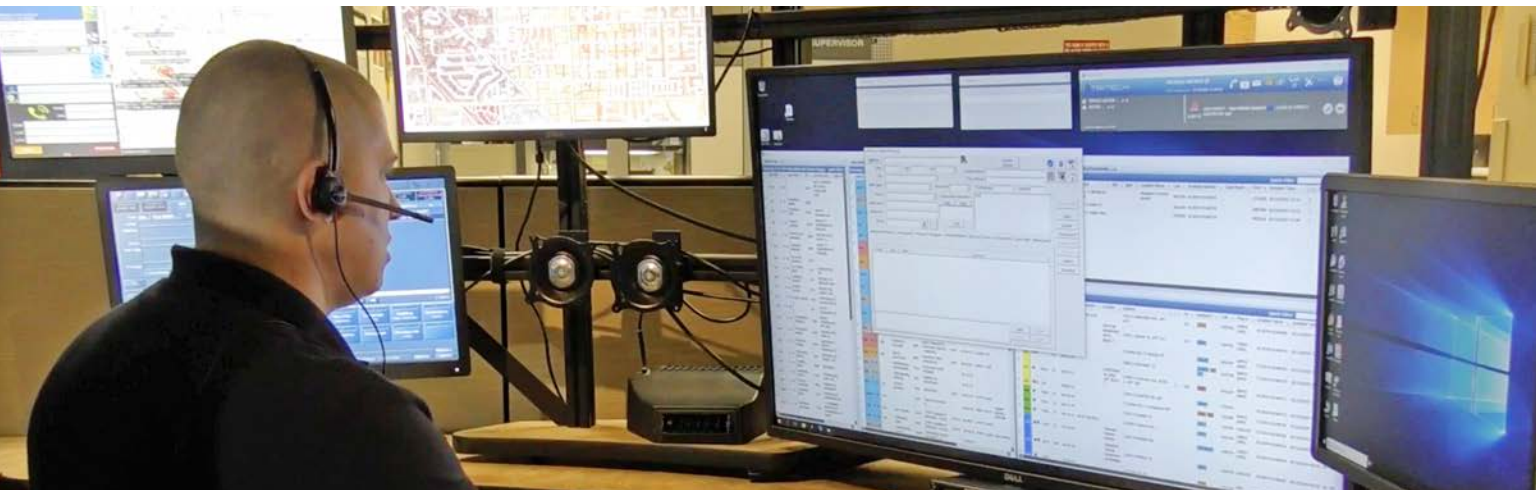
Renewals: **1,655**

Denials/Revocations: **88**

Total Active Permits in Arapahoe County: **20,495**

Communications

The communications center provides 24-hour dispatch services for Unincorporated Arapahoe County, Centennial, Foxfield, Sheridan, Columbine Valley, Cherry Hills Village, Cherry Creek State Park Rangers and South Suburban Park Rangers.



In 2020, Dispatch handled:



911 Calls
87,250



Non-emergency calls
231,025



Text to 911
420

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs office staffs two Public Information Officers (PIOs), one deputy and one civilian, who serve as the liaison between the sheriff's office, the public and the media. The PIOs handle all media outreach, communications, social media, community newsletter, annual reports and video production.



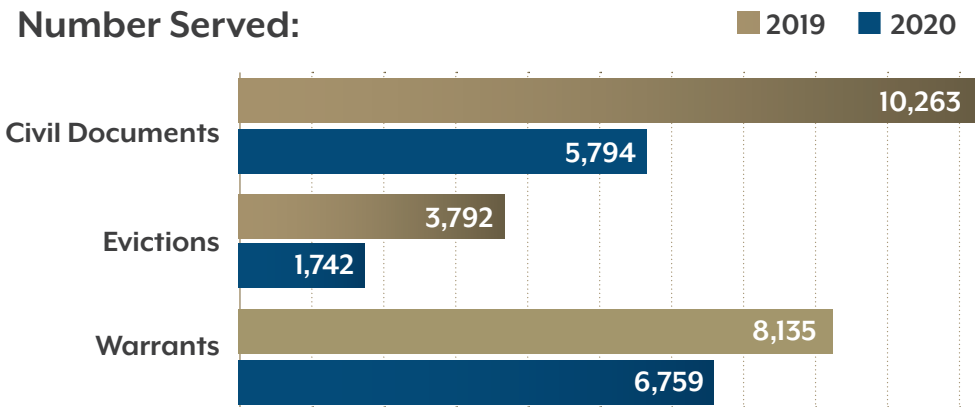
Senior Check-In Program

Launched in 2020, the Senior Check In program allows for volunteers to check in with isolated seniors living in Arapahoe County. Each week, they receive a phone call to make sure they're doing okay. The program offers relatives peace of mind and lets seniors know someone cares.

Civil & Warrants

Deputies in the Civil Unit serve criminal and civil warrants, writs, summons, mandates and other legal documents as provided by the criminal and civil courts.

Number Served:



Internal Affairs

Complaints Investigated

136

Allegations Sustained

25

Use of Force Investigated

6

Use of Force Sustained

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SCENES FROM 2020

A deputy talks to a young patient at Children's Hospital during the Long Blue Line event hosted by Cops Fighting Cancer.



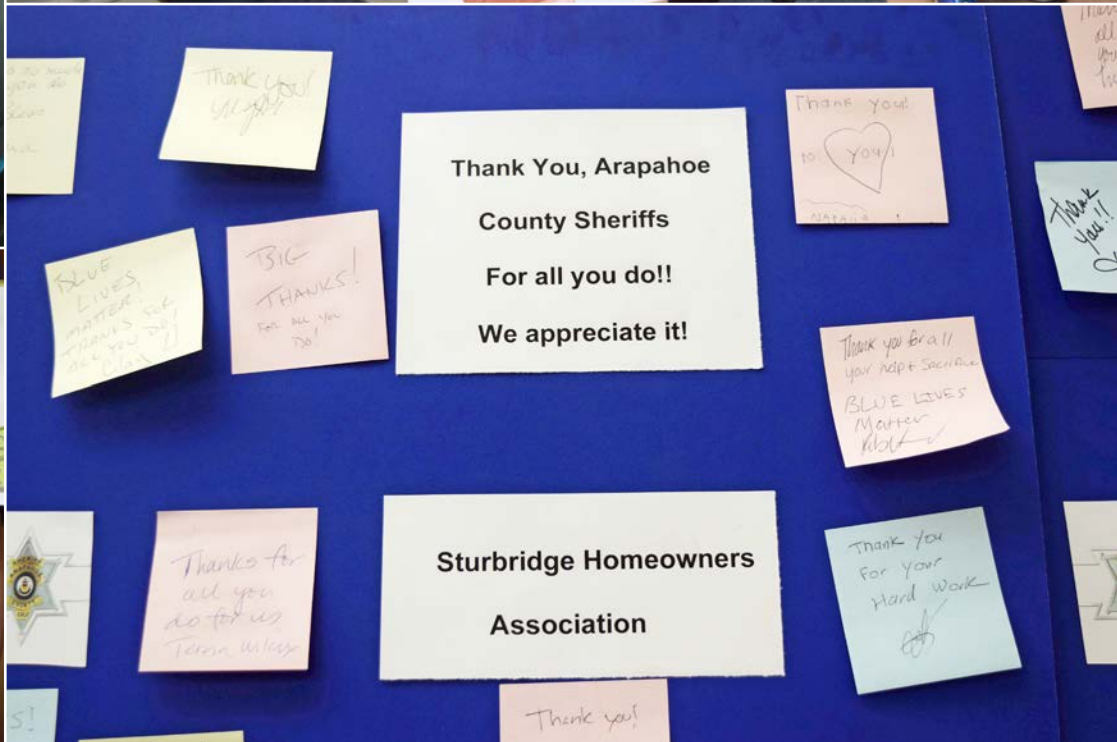
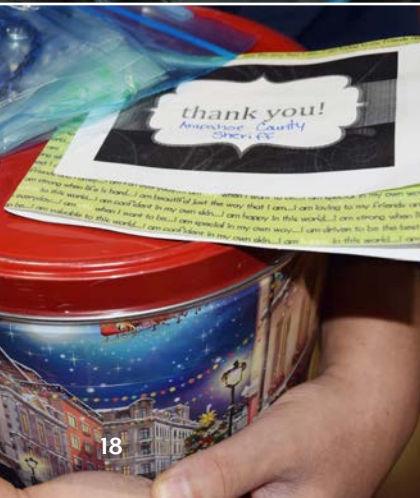
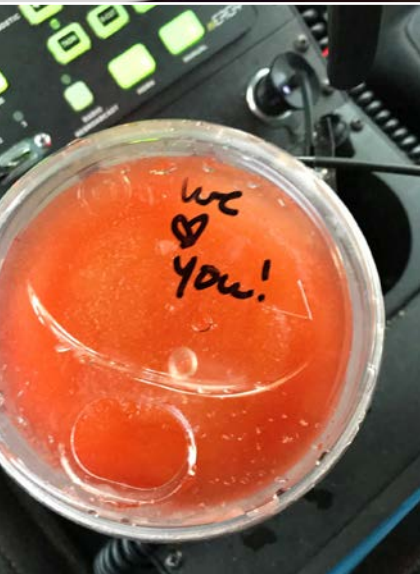
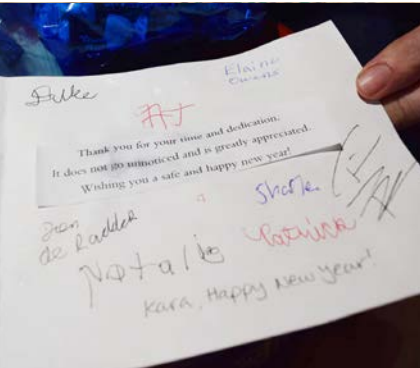


Sheriff Tyler Brown and staff jump in an icy lake for the Polar Plunge at the Aurora Reservoir to raise money for Special Olympics Colorado.



Deputies race citizens at "Take it to the Track" event at Bandimere Speedway. The event is a fun and safe alternative to illegal street and drag racing.





Commendations



MEDAL OF VALOR

Deputy Trevor Cuaz

MEDAL OF DISTINCTION

Deputy John Klarin

Deputy Justin Lane

Deputy Jesse Keuhlen

Deputy Nicholas Pacheco

Deputy Jordan Greeson

Deputy James Mason

Sergeant Brian Knudsen

Sergeant Bruce Peterson

PURPLE HEART

Deputy Alan Wilson

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Sergeant Todd Fechner

LIFE SAVING MEDAL

Sergeant Mike Reed

Deputy Sergio Rocha-Casillas

Deputy Adam Woodzell

Sergeant Nick Rodriguez

Deputy Thomas Sandoval

Deputy Steven Swaschnig

Deputy Andrew Devries

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Deputy Tam Nguyen

Deputy Riley Nolan

Deputy Kelly Searle

Deputy Claire Crow

Deputy Karl Freeman

Deputy Michael McKnight

Detective Adam Wright

Deputy Tony Hudson

Crew Leader Theresa Sapp

Sergeant Joe Cummings, Parker PD

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Brent Wood

Deborah Takahara

SECTION / TEAM CITATION

Arapahoe CO Narcotics Unit

Sheriff's Maintenance / Crewleaders





K9 Nuke was among the fans who showed up in spirit to cheer on the Denver Broncos in 2020.

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